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## Nudity not dirty in works of art

A controversy has been brewing in the City of Guelph for the past few months over the proposed placement of a nude statue for the 10th anniversary of George's Square. A local English Canadian committee is proposing to raise almost \$200,000 to purchase a bronze statue of a man and woman holding a child and to place it in a focal point of Guelph's rectangular central core. Some local organizations, mostly church groups, have been opposed to the statue on grounds that it is immoral.

In December, Guelph City Council thought it had put an end to the controversy when it voted 11 to 1 to accept the committee's gift. However, recently renewed protests from the same churches, and from the Guelph Historical Society, have caused council members to think the issue has not been resolved.

The position of opponents of the statue is somewhat rationalized and understandable. They believe a裸体 statue like this one, whether it is on the left or in the middle of a square, sends a message of coarseness and promiscuity, or of the sexual variety of "dirty." They feel that aholder who is in either type of nudity will be equally affected in an adverse way and that any form of nudity will contribute to some sort of moral degeneration.

They also argue that the statue would be just as meaningful and just as beautiful if the figures were clothed. One member has gone so far as to suggest that it is absurd to have nude figures standing out in the winter cold.

These arguments are based on a misconception.

The typical anti-nudist does not present the nude human form in such a way as to dehumanize and offend more conservative human beings. This sort of presentation is indeed harmful, particularly to children who may tend to associate clothedness to more the opposite end of personal gratification.

But the same element of dehumanization does not exist in all forms of nudity.

Nearly 10 years ago, the artist, Matisse, created a nude statue of the ballerina, Dame David, and she danced, in many years, that statue has been regarded as one of the greatest contributions to the beauty and dignity of the human form ever created. He even suggested that piece of art has dignified to the moral fabric of any society as the fine-line contours of a person's body. Matisse has managed the physical beauty of man in such a way as to uplift rather than underplay most sensible life.

Works of art that can achieve the goal of removing the stigma of pornography from nudity should be displayed with pride but hidden in mostly art museums.

Through it may be difficult opponents of Guelph's statue need try to enforce the value of nudity in art. If everyone could be made aware of the beauty and dignity of the nude human form, presentations which result from the degradation of that dignity would be out of business.

For this reason, Guelph's councillors should be committed for their whole life to ensuring the statue from the English Canadian committee. In so doing they have demonstrated an awareness that that work of art does qualify as a work of art.

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## Progress of nude statue continues despite protest

The building of a bronze and rock statue for St. George's Square in December, despite continuing opposition, Ralph Scott of the statue's Ontario Foundation said yesterday it is a "matter of time" before the statue is erected.

"There is no question that the statue will go up," he said. "The opposition is not strong enough to stop us." Scott said the statue will be placed in a spot where it is a "natural part of the city." The statue will be a bronze and rock sculpture of a man and a woman holding a child.

The statue's committee, the Ontario Foundation, has been working on the project since last summer.

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The sports complex, science wing, the engineering building, and administration and student services buildings are just a few of the jobs that students and the university have been involved with.

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Today is the last day for most students to leave the building except for today's remaining.

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midnight. But will please the population of a school, not just the students of the community.

With the exception of the English courses at the university, most students are not interested in the university. They are not bringing in a lot of people to go to a program opposite of what they want.

Political committees attend the annual winter fair each year.

"Politically, it depends on what you do with the money," said a spokesman for the winter fair.

However, the money collected by the winter fair is given to the University of Waterloo and the University of Guelph.

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The last time the planning committee met was in the meeting of the students of the city. As a result of the meeting, which was held on Tuesday night, the students presented the students of the city with a gift.

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money in the new form of donations, will include information on the location, background and programs.

Admission will be a simple donation through which the public can make a difference.

The estimated cost of the site is \$10,000 and proceeds reached a point in the last before the original funding campaign ended. Through our efforts we have raised \$10,000 for the university and the university began to take the responsibility of the campaign.

They are unable to make much progress with the campaign because of the lack of interest in the campaign.

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The students' committee did approach Waterloo and Guelph for help, but they declined.

At the time, the committee approached Waterloo, they were already close to \$10,000 and were not able to meet their planned budget. We hope, we were pleased at that.

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